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Dear Wildlife Summit Participant,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

I am sending you a copy of the Idaho Wildlife Summit Report for your review. We've also included a three DVD set of all of the Summit presentations and videos.

A lot of work went into compiling this report, but it also gave us a chance to review and think more about all that we heard from you.

Here are some of the recurring themes that stood out to me:

- You and your fellow participants all care deeply about wildlife.
- You are eager to help Idaho Fish and Game improve wildlife conservation are willing to participate.
- Conservation education is important to you and so is connecting youth to the outdoors and wildlife-related activities.
- You recognize the costs of conserving wildlife and are willing to pay.
- Wildlife cannot be taken for granted and most of you believe conservation issues must be solved collaboratively and a diversity of perspectives are important.

Eighty-two percent of you purchased a hunting license within the last two years; 90 percent of you watched or photographed wildlife in the past two years; 91 percent of you say abundant wildlife is an important reason for living in Idaho

Results from the Fishing Polls and the Citizen Survey indicate to me that we are involved in a variety of wildlife-related activities, and we can all continue to talk to each other collaboratively and respectfully.

Another thing that stood out was how deeply Shane Mahoney's remarks resonated with you. I am pleased to announce that Shane is interested in helping us chart our future course and to keep the conversation going.

Please take some time to review this report and take notes. We would like to hear your thoughts about the report and how we can continue to work together to improve wildlife conservation in Idaho for our kids and grandkids.

Thanks again for participating in the Idaho Wildlife Summit and have a wonderful holiday season.

Regards,

Virgil Moore, Director, Idaho Fish and Game

Keeping Idaho's Wildlife Heritage